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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2008, which sets a one-month shortened statutory period for response. This response is being submitted prior to the July 17, 2008 deadline. If any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks, including the election with traverse, begin on page 3 of this paper.